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THE MOUNTING WAR OF NERVES

Administration officials maintained that the intelligence duties of the Teheran em-



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The Presidential crisis team arriving at Camp David: 'What does he do to Iran when this is over?'*

bassy had been cut back after the revolution that overthrew the Shah last February, precisely to avoid espionage charges from the suspicious new Islamic regime. One official said flatly that no agents of the Central Intelligence Agency or the Defense Intelligence Agency were assigned to Teheran at the time of the take-over. "You couldn't find an embassy that could be accused of espionage with less factual basis than this one," he insisted.

THE MOUNTAIN: Back at Camp David, Carter made something of a show out of his strategy talks with top advisers. He summoned Vice President Walter Mondale, Secretary Vance, national-security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski, CIA chief Stansfield Turner and Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman Gen. David Jones, and for only the second time in his Presidency he allowed news photographers into Camp David. After coming down from the mountain, Defense Secretary Harold Brown ordered an indefinite suspension of flight training for 236 Iranian pilots in the U.S. He also directed that they be allowed to continue classroom studies—evidently to discourage the trainees from returning to Iran to practice their skills against the U.S.

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